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The Man From Home

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(Continued.)

"The bandit was hidden in the soldier's trunk. He is hidden in a grove under these cliffs."

As he spoke Almerie ran down the steps with a shotgun in his hand and made for the steps leading down the face of the cliff. Pike turned to Ethel.

"I saw that fellow on the road here. What's he meant for?"

Ethel turned angrily from the lawyer and called sharply to her fiancé.

"Almerie!"

St. Aubyn turned and stopped.

"Hello," he said.

"I wish to present my guardian to you," and turned to Pike as Almerie approached. "This is Mr. St. Aubyn," she said steadily.

Almerie stared at Pike through his monocle and laughed.

"Why, it's the donkey man, isn't it? How very odd! You'll have to see the governor and our solicitor about that settlement, though. I've some important business here. The police are chasing a badly convicted chap under the cliff yonder, so you'll have to excuse me. You know there's nothing like a little convict shooting to break the blooming monotony—what?"

He turned and rushed off down the



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stairway. Pike turned to look after him in mute astonishment and then turned to Ethel. She refused to meet his glance, and the hot blood rose to her face as she felt his scrutiny.

She tapped nervously with her foot, and the astonishment grew in Daniel's face. He looked from her to where Almerie had disappeared and back to her again. Then he took a step forward as if to speak and stopped. Finally the dawning horror in his face took concrete form, and he spoke.

"That!" he groaned. "Seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars for that! Say, how much do they charge for a real man over here anyway?"

But she was unable to meet his eye. Turning quickly, with her cheeks flaming with shame and anger, she rushed into the hotel and left him standing speechless on the spot.

CHAPTER XI.
A CLASH OF WILLS.

IT required some minutes for Daniel Voorhees Pike to get over the amazement that possessed him when Ethel fled from him in such evident confusion.

His usually alert mind seemed incapable of concerted effort in the proper direction, and the dazed look on his face remained there until Mariano came to tell him that his rooms were ready and that Herr von Groellerhagen was awaiting him. Then for the first time he awoke, and, with a sigh of resignation as he realized the battle he had before him, he gave a curt order that the automobile, which had broken down on the road to the hotel, should be placed in the entrance garden, for he proposed to do some tinkering upon it.

"If that don't beat!" he muttered to himself and then allowed the remark to remain unfinished, for he could not imagine one thing that the incident could be supposed to have beaten. It stood alone in a little hollow square by itself and positively refused to surrender to any comparison whatsoever.

"And that—that nine cent imitation of a man," he growled at last—"that vilification upon the—the—genus homo!" he finished, with a flash of pride. Then he went off to his rooms and tried to adjust himself to the matter as he saw it and incidentally to bring some—that astute legal training gleaned from contact with farmers,

TRUSTS THAT THREATEN WAR

Miss Ida M. Tarbell, writing in the June American Magazine on the Tariff question, takes occasion to call attention to the ever-increasing monster United Shoe Machinery Company which threatens to become one of the greatest trusts in the world. It already practically controls the linen thread industry of the country, and threatens to absorb all the Shoe Manufacturers. There is just one force to hinder the final absorption of the shoe business, says Miss Tarbell. She continues:

"There is a rival trust with as rapacious a maw and as brutal a strength as any the country has produced, on the trail of the shoe that is the Beef Trust."

Nearly twenty years ago when the amiable Mr. McKinley was disposed to give a duty on hides Mr. Blaine wrote him an emphatic letter in which he said: "It will yield a profit to the butcher (Beef Trust) only, the last man that needs it." Mr. Blaine prevented the duty then—but Mr. Dingley gave it, and thereby the Beef Trust has profited as much as the shoe has suffered.

"But while the cost of the leather has been steadily increasing under the duty on hides, there has been going on in the Beef Trust the inevitable combination which special privileges allow breeders. Buying practically all the cattle on the hoof, the packers owned all the hides. Hides go to tanners to be prepared for sale. Leather it has always been a prosperous and widely spread business in the country. But the dream of the Beef Trust is to allow nobody to do anything directly or indirectly connected with the steer which it can do. It owned the hides; why should it not tan them? And promptly it began to 'acquire' tanneries. There is no space here to go into the history of the steady absorption by the packers of this great American industry which has been going on for the last few years. It is the familiar tale; all that is essential here is the fact that today the united packers, Armour, Swift and Morris control fully thirty of the largest tanneries in the country. There is no well-informed and candid person in the leather or shoe trade who does not say that it is inevitable that the packers should soon own, control and operate the entire leather business of the country."

"And the next step? Signs of what it will be are already abroad. Repeated rumors have come that the Armours were going into the shoe business. The alarm that they meant not only to absorb shoe making but harness, belting and other leather manufacturing has sounded."

"In the reports of the recent tariff hearings is a letter from the president of the Wholesale Saddlery Association of the United States protesting against the duty on hides. In this letter he writes:

"The statement that follows may appear to you very far fetched, but it is my confident personal opinion that if the condition which confronts leather manufacturers and the manufacturers of leather articles continue and advances with the same strides during the next ten years that it has during the past five, not only will the beef packers control the manufacture of the leather, but they will likewise control by ownership the shoe, harness, belting, and other leather industries."

"And this is only one of the several such intimations to be found in the reports. There is nothing surprising in it. That the packers should absorb the manufacturing from leather is quite logical as that they should make leather."

"And what is to be done about? Certainly any special advantage which these combinations have through the tariff should be taken away. Hides and flax should be free as the Payne bills provide—though whether they will be when it is finally passed, no man knoweth."

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